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A USER MODIFIABLE STATE TRANSITION  
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Dear Sir:

Although the present application was filed more than one year ago, no office action or other action on the merits has been received from the Office. It is respectfully requested that Applicants be advised as to when an office action on the merits will be mailed.

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